

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A clip for supporting ornamental items on a pew, comprising:

a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support, the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a pair of side edges and a pair of end edges, the mounting portion comprising:

an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end regions;

a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse extents extending from one of the end regions of the longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the longitudinal extent;

a pair of return extents, each of the return extents extending from one of the transverse extents, each of the return extents extending towards each other; and

a pair of free end extents, each of the free end extents extending from one of the return extents.

2. The clip of claim 1 wherein the pair of transverse extents extend outwardly from the inner face of the longitudinal extent, each of the transverse extents having opposite end regions, a first one of the end regions of each of the transverse extents being joined to one of the end regions of the longitudinal extent.

3. The clip of claim 1 wherein each of the return extents extends generally parallel to the longitudinal extent, each of the

return extents extending from a second one of the end regions of one of the transverse extents.

4. The clip of claim 1 wherein each of the transverse extents and each of the return extents are arcuate.

5. The clip of claim 4 wherein each of the free end extents is arcuate such that a group of connected transverse, return and free end extents forms a portion of a circle.

6. The clip of claim 1 wherein each of the free end extents extends inwardly from one of the return extents, each of the free end extents being oriented generally perpendicular to the longitudinal extent.

7. The clip of claim 1 wherein each of the end edges of the mounting portion is located on one of the free end extents, and a gap is formed between the end edge on the free end extent and the longitudinal extent.

8. The clip of claim 8 wherein a distance of the gap is approximately one-half of a distance of a farthest extent of the return extents from the longitudinal extent.

9. The clip of claim 1 additionally comprising a securing portion for removably securing an ornamental item on the mounting portion, the securing portion being mounted on the mounting portion.

10. The clip of claim 9 wherein the securing portion comprises a securing arm for holding a portion of an ornamental item against the mounting portion, the securing arm having a first end mounted on the mounting portion and a second end being free

of connection to the mounting portion.

11. The clip of claim 10 wherein the securing arm generally converges toward the outer face at the second end thereof to form a channel therebetween for receiving a portion of an ornamental item.

12. The clip of claim 9 wherein the securing portion comprises a loop for extending about a portion of an ornamental item, the securing portion including a loop member having opposite ends each being mounted on the mounting portion.

13. The clip of claim 12 wherein the loop member has a longitudinal axis extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the longitudinal portion.

14. The clip of claim 12 wherein the loop member has a longitudinal axis extending substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the longitudinal portion.

15. The clip of claim 9 wherein the securing portion comprises a stud member extending from the mounting member, the stud member having a first section and a second section, the first section of the stud member having a first thickness dimension and the second section having a second thickness dimension, the second thickness dimension being greater than the first thickness dimension.

16. The clip of claim 15 wherein the stud member has a slot extending through the stud member and extending along a portion of a length of the stud member to define spaced portions such that deflecting the portions toward each other partially closes the slot and reduces a thickness of the stud member while the portions are

deflected and prior to recovery by the portions.

17. A clip for supporting ornamental items on a pew, comprising:

a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support, the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a pair of side edges and a pair of end edges, the mounting portion comprising:

an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end regions;

a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse extents extending from one of the end regions of the longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the longitudinal extent;

a pair of free end extents, each of the free end extents being connected to one of the return extents, each of the free end extents extending toward the longitudinal extent; and

a securing portion for removably securing an ornamental item on the mounting portion, the securing portion being mounted on the mounting portion.

18. The clip of claim 17 wherein the mounting portion includes a pair of return extents, each of the return extents extending between one of the transverse extents and one of the free end extents, each of the return extents extending from one of the transverse extents and towards each other.

19. A clip for supporting ornamental items on a pew, comprising:

a mounting portion for gripping a portion of a pew support,

the mounting portion having a pair of opposite faces including an inner face and an outer face, the mounting portion having a substantially uniform width, the mounting portion having a substantially uniform thickness, the mounting portion being formed of a resiliently flexible material, the mounting portion having a pair of side edges, the pair of side edges being oriented substantially parallel to each other, the mounting portion having a pair of end edges, the pair of end edges each extending substantially perpendicularly to the side edges, the mounting portion comprising:

an elongate longitudinal extent having opposite end regions, the longitudinal extent being substantially planar;

a pair of transverse extents, each of the transverse extents extending from one of the end regions of the longitudinal extent in a generally transverse orientation to the longitudinal extent, the pair of transverse extents extending outwardly from the inner face of the longitudinal extent, each of the transverse extents being arcuate, each of the transverse extents having opposite end regions, a first one of the end regions of each of the transverse extents being joined to one of the end regions of the longitudinal extent;

a pair of return extents, each of the return extents extending from one of the transverse extents, each of the return extents extending towards each other, each of the return extents extending generally parallel to the longitudinal extent, each of the return extents extending from a second one of the end regions of one of the transverse extents, each of the return extents being arcuate; and

a pair of free end extents, each of the free end extents extending from one of the return extents, each of the free end

extents extending inwardly from one of the return extents, each of the free end extents being oriented substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal extent, each of the end edges of the mounting portion being located on one of the free end extents, a gap being formed between the end edge on the free end extent and the longitudinal extent;

wherein a distance of the gap being approximately one-half of a distance of a farthest extent of the return extents from the longitudinal extent; and

a securing portion for removably securing an ornamental item on the mounting portion, the securing portion being mounted on the mounting portion, the securing portion being located on the outer face of the mounting portion, the securing portion comprising a securing arm for holding a portion of an ornamental item against the mounting portion, the securing arm having a first end mounted on the mounting portion and a second end being free of connection to the mounting portion, the securing arm generally converging toward the outer face at the second end thereof to form a channel therebetween for receiving a portion of an ornamental item.